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U.S. Foreign Intelligence Requirements Categories and Priorities

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Definitions of Priorities

Priorities are expressed in the matrix by ordinal numbers from 1 through 7 in descending order of importance or urgency. Values below 7 appear in the matrix as blank spaces and are explained in the definitions below. Each assigned priority represents the relative importance of the subject to users of intelligence. Priorities assigned do not reflect the degree of difficulty or ease with which the information can be obtained, the extent to which it may already be on hand, or the specific nature of any needed intelligence collection, processing, or production activities.

The definitions of the priorities are:

- 1—Intelligence *vital to U.S. national survival*;
- 2—Intelligence *of critical importance* to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 3—Intelligence *of major importance* to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 4—Intelligence *of considerable importance* to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 5—Intelligence *of moderate importance* to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 6—Intelligence *of some importance* to U.S. political, economic, and military interests;
- 7—Intelligence *of interest* for U.S. political, economic, and military policy planning and execution.

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